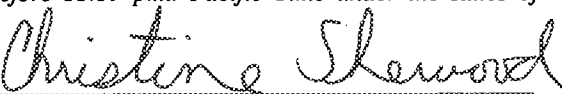


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	: 10/660,452	Confirmation No. 4918
Filing Date	: September 11, 2003	
Inventor(s)	: Biedermann, Lutz	
Title	: INVERTEBRAL DISK PROSTHESIS	
Group Art Unit	: 3738	
Examiner Name	: David H. Willse	
Docket No.	: 58779/B884	Date: November 7, 2008

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**MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

**1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on June 2, 2008, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
- ☒ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on August 4, 2008
- ☐ via Express Mail
- ☒ with certificate of electronic filing under 37 CFR § 1.8
- ☐ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
- ☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
- ☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid
- ☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)

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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

**2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)**

**a. Previously submitted**

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on  
☐ Other:

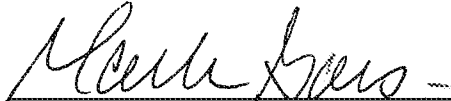
**b. Enclosed**

- ☒ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
☐ Petition for Extension of Time  
☐ Other:

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

**Application No. 10/660,452**

**PART I — BASIC FEE**

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$405.00	Large Entity \$810.00	\$810.00
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**PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	12+8	27+16	0	x \$26.00	x \$52.00	0
Independent Claims	2	4	0	x \$110.00	x \$220.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$195.00	\$390.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$810.00
List Independent Claims: 7 and 15						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (*The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.*)
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
Please deduct \$810 from Deposit Account No. 03-1728 to cover the fees calculated above.
  - b.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.**

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